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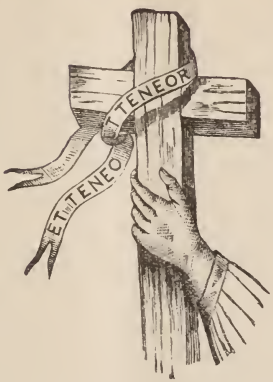

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Mexico.

FROM MONTEREY.

Letters of Miss M. E. Cochrane, who went from Davenport, Iowa, supported by Des Moines Presbytery, tell something of the influence of Christian work in Monterey.

The public schools until recently were very noisy institutions, for the studying was all aloud, and you may imagine the confusion. A recent law was passed to prevent it, and we learned that last autumn, before their schools reopened, measures were taken to enforce it—all in consequence (we were told) of the influence or example of our quiet, orderly school. We hope it is so, for we feel even *that* is something to accomplish—progress.

We also just learned that after the school closed last summer during the vacation, the children of the public schools were gathered into the theatre and taught the national hymn, which they did not before know. We are disposed to attribute that also to the influence of our school; indeed we have been told so, and think so from the fact that we were anxious to obtain a copy to teach our pupils, and when my sister sent to the city superintendent asking him if he could procure us a copy, he declined to do so, saying he could not obtain one. Of course we thought he did not wish to; but we persevered until we succeeded in obtaining it, and before our school closed in the summer our pupils had learned one verse

and sang it very nicely, and the people seemed greatly pleased. We had learned the air from hearing the military bands play it, and were very anxious to obtain the words; the air and words both are very beautiful and inspiring. Our pupils sing very nicely. I think it a very attractive feature of our school, and we wish very much we could have an instrument, either an organ or a piano. We have had some applications to take music pupils, but could not rent a piano; indeed, the only one we knew of for rent was very old and out of repair, really useless. We hope to have one some time, for it will not only be a great advantage and attraction to our school, but such a source of pleasure to ourselves and family.

We have nine girls in our family, twenty regular pupils, and are expecting more. Mr. Thomson's class is doing finely. Our Sabbath services are much better attended than formerly; the audiences are attentive and evince much interest. The Sabbath-school also improves. I have adopted the plan of offering the children a pretty card for every child they bring in. We are now preparing for Christmas, or at least trying to prepare, teaching the children songs, Christmas carols, etc. We want to have a tree and make it a surprise to them. Our consul's wife and some other foreign friends have proffered assistance and promised us pretty ornaments for the tree. We hope to have a pleasant and attractive entertainment.

THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE OF MEXICO.

Area, 761,000 square miles—eleven times that of New England. "On the map it lies in the form of a cornucopia, and, very significantly, our more favored land lies in exactly the position to fill it."—*Dr. Ellinwood.*

Divided into three terraces—the coast regions, the mountain slopes and the table-lands. Hence three different climates. "A day's journey can include a range of temperature and product equivalent to that comprehended between Cuba and Vermont. . . . As a landscape is focalized in a Claude Lorraine glass, so in Mexico all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them are blended."—*Rev. M. W. Stryker.*

Popocatapetl, "the mountain with a smoking mouth," and Orizaba, "which Bayard Taylor has pronounced absolutely peerless among isolated and distinct mountain views," each more than 17,000 feet in height.

Immense mineral wealth. Great variety of agricultural products. No great rivers. Few good harbors.

Population, between nine and ten millions; of whom about one-half are pure Indians, one-sixth of Spanish descent, and the remain-

der of mixed race. "They have noble elements of character. What the old Aztecs were of yore they are to some extent to-day. There is still a vigor in the Indians of Mexico which cannot be found in any of the aboriginal tribes of our country."—*Dr. Ellinwood.*

[References: Haven's *Our Next-Door Neighbor;* articles in *The Century*, November, 1881, and January, 1882; articles in *Harper's Magazine*, January and February, 1882.]

Miss Snow, in a note dated January 15, writes of the girls' school in Mexico City:

Our school has opened well. We have already more than forty in the Mexican school, and enjoy our work very much.

MISSIONARY LADIES IN MEXICO.

Representing the W. F. M. S.

Miss L. M. Latimer, Mexico City. | Miss F. C. Snow, Mexico City.

Representing the W. P. B. M. of the N. W.

Miss Abbie D. Cochrane, Monterey. | Mrs. Rollo Ogden, Mexico City.
Miss Mary E. Cochrane, Monterey. |

Africa.

Mrs. Nassau writes of the safe arrival and good health of the party of missionaries recently gone to Africa. She says, "I was much pleased with the first sight of Gaboon. Its elevation, beautiful verdure, gleaming—and in the distance pretty—white walls; all these made a pleasing picture in the morning sunlight. . . .

"Dec. 15. The steamship 'Angola' is in the harbor and will take our letters. The Presbytery of Corisco is now in session; Mr. De Heer's narrative of the state of religion is by far the most gratifying of any, and of itself is most encouraging. You have doubtless heard of the organization of a new church at Erune, with fifty members now on its roll; also of his having received forty-six members on profession of faith within his entire charge, and of the nineteen baptisms and nineteen Christian marriages. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Dr. and Mrs. Bacheler are studying with good success the Mpongwe. They speak well enough to be intelligible to the natives. I have begun the work. Mr. Walker tells us that next week we are to have nothing to eat unless we ask for it in Mpongwe. . . .

"My last and most urgent request is an old one, but it comes from me with more painful earnestness than ever before—*pray*,

PRAY for your missionaries! Pray that Christ-like love may actuate every word and deed, that wisdom from God may direct every movement, every decision!"

Siam.

"TELL us something of Siam." So said a friend to me the other evening, as, seated around a table in one of the coziest of sitting-rooms, busy hands wrought among the pile of tarletan and bright-colored zephyrs that lay on the table. And as the gay threads were woven in and out little marvels of beauty appeared in the hands of the workers—stockings and mittens and bags, all curiously wrought, and to be filled with sweets and hung on the beautiful Christmas tree with many other good things that would carry joy and gladness to the hearts of the children of our Sabbath-schools. As the work went on tongues became silent, and each worker seemed busy weaving in bright hopes and good wishes along with her threads. Then in my visions of thought I saw the little unloved ones of Siam, to whom the joys of Christmas-tide never come, and I saw the dear loved friends of Bangkok, Petchaburi and Chieng-Mai with their feeble hands bearing aloft the standard of the cross. As if divining my thoughts, said the one next to me, "Tell us something of Siam." Ay, I thought, is there not need to tell? at this glad, joyous time, when the whole Christian world is rejoicing over the birth of the Christ-child, whose coming brought "peace on earth, good will toward men," comes there not the cry

> "From many an ancient river,
> From many a palmy plain,"

to carry to the nations there tidings of this peace and good-will? to tell to the people that yet sit in darkness of Him who is the light of the world? Has He not waited long enough for us to obey His command to "go teach all nations," or was the command given to the apostles alone? Must the many, many millions in heathen lands, who have not even yet heard of His first coming, wait until the brightness of His second coming dawns on them to know that "God so loved *the world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have everlasting life"? That blessed "*whosoever*," how it thrills to the very depths of our souls! As we worked among the heathen, and saw some with so little trace of the image and likeness of God on them, our weak faith was ofttimes ready to cry, Can such be saved? but the "whosoever" dispelled our doubts, and we now testify that they can be saved. Oh, would that I could so tell of Siam, that not

only silver and gold, but hearts and hands and shining talents and precious lives, would be laid on His altar, and the glad song of the angels on the first Christmas morning be borne over the seas by scores and hundreds of His willing ones to the millions that know it not!

The kingdom of Siam is only a little one among the nations of the earth, yet within it are eight millions of souls to be saved for Jesus. And for these eight millions of Siam there are only twenty-three missionaries to teach them the way of life. (I have counted all the ministers and their wives, the two physicians and their wives, Dr. and Mrs. McFarland in the Royal College, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, formerly connected with the Baptist mission, now self-supporting, and all the unmarried ladies.) For all the work among the Chinese, Laos and Siamese throughout the kingdom but twenty-three laborers! Is it enough for the mighty work—one worker to almost half a million? Nor is the work of a missionary an easy one; a minister has something more to do than to preach, and a lady has vastly more to do than to teach. There is first the acquisition of the language; then, besides preaching and teaching, there are translating, preparing books, distributing tracts, etc. A minister must be preacher, teacher, doctor, lawyer, judge, master and parent to his people; and a lady must often fulfill duties like those of a mother to a large family of children. She must teach, instruct, guide, control, exhort, reprove, discipline, sympathize with, exercise authority over them, and still have a heart filled with patience, love and pity for them, else she will fail to win them for her Master.

Our work in Siam lies chiefly among the common people; and as they are a race of slaves, always subject to the beck and nod of a master, they have never learned to think for themselves; and when they come to us, either in our family, in the schools, or in the church, they come as children, and must be treated as such. I have often been unable to repress a smile as some old woman, whose head was white with age, would say to me, "Mem, I have to stay with you now and be your child," or, "I am your child now, you must help me." Poor old women, going down to the grave, with only darkness before them, no hope in Jesus to lighten their pathway or scatter the gloom! I well remember three old beggar women who came to our house often for alms, and their snowy heads and bent forms so excited my pity and love that I invited them up on our veranda. They told me they were slaves of different masters, but lived near each other, and as they had grown too old to work and bring in gain to their masters they were sent out to beg their living. I talked to them of death and their hope in death. They said they had none; they knew not whither

they were going. I told them of Jesus and the hope of believers in Him, and as they were not able to read I read to them the precious promises of God and tried to teach them to commit them to memory. But they were all childish, beyond threescore and ten in age; and whilst I talked to them they would interrupt me with some question about my dress or the way of our living. I bore patiently with them, praying earnestly for them, and the good matron of our school and I both read to and talked with them. We also invited them to attend our Sabbath services in the chapel, and they came frequently; but the good seed seemed to fall on stony ground, and whilst we were away from home on a health trip one of them died. Oh, how my heart bled for her soul, for I could not hope she was saved; but *might she not have been had she heard of Jesus sooner?* The other two continued to come until we left Bangkok; and when I bade them good by they wept and clung to my skirts, crying, "Who will care for us after you are gone?" I wept with them, and commended them to the kind ladies who were to take my place and to the good Father of all. May He open their eyes and their understanding and save them! And not only them, but call out from among the Siamese a great people unto Himself!

Syria.

AMONG THE VILLAGES.

. . . Last week Mr. March made his first trip to the villages at a distance from here, and it was a very eventful one. Though things did not work about just as he had wished and expected, he perhaps was able to accomplish more in the way of seeing and talking with people than he had anticipated. Being detained by different callers, he did not start on his journey for some time after he intended; but as it turned out, he reached his first stopping place just in time to partake of a wedding breakfast at the house of one of the Protestants, where he also met many from other places. The hour for the eating was noon, and the guests seated themselves upon the floor in groups, the men around a low table on one side of the room, the women around a similar table on the other side. It was quite an honor for the women to eat at the same time with the men, for the usual way is for them to set but one table, at which the men eat, and when they have finished, the women and servants take what is left.

I was interested to know what they prepared for this breakfast, and how it was served. My husband explained that in the centre of each table was a very large dish of "*mahshi*" (cabbage leaves

stuffed with meat, rice, etc., and boiled); around this were placed several plates each of meat-stew, call "*yukhni*," and rice, arranged alternately, one of rice, then one of *yukhni*, and so on. There was no table-cloth, and a spoon at each place completed the furnishing of the table. On the floor, beside every second person, was a pile of Arab bread. I presume you know already how this differs from ours; the flour used is like our Graham flour; the loaves are about fifteen inches, I should think, in diameter (circular) and very thin —as thin as they can be and hold together. Every pile of bread was used by two persons, and as there were half as many dishes each of rice and *yukhni* as there were persons, two ate from every dish, and all reached over from time to time and helped themselves with their hands to the stuffed cabbage-leaves in the centre of the table. The host and hostess did not eat with the others, but each stood and waited upon his or her respective guests.

The breakfast partaken, and little time afterwards having passed, my husband moved on. The next day, as he reached a village where he wished to examine a school, he noticed a great commotion, and learned that being a Moslem feast-day, the school was closed, and also that there had been a marriage of the son of the sheikh to the daughter of the mufti, another official, and one of the wealthiest men in the village. The bride and groom did not appear, but, in company with the teacher of our school, my husband went to the house of the sheikh to pay his respects to him, the father of the bridegroom. He was received with great cordiality, the sheikh coming out to the gate to meet him, took him by the hand and led him to his reception-room, where were assembled a large number of men, who all rose as the sheikh and his visitor entered.

The mufti was among the guests, and after a time our teacher said to him, "The *khoaja* is going to your house to see you," whereupon he arose quickly and went home to be in readiness to receive his callers, meeting them, when they arrived, at the top of the steps, and conducting them to the house. Here, as at the house of the sheikh, coffee was served in the tiny cups used in this country. The mufti has two wives, one of whom he keeps at his country seat in the village of K——, and the other in his city home at Damascus, as he keeps the two establishments in operation all the time, living now in one and now in the other. MRS. MARCH.

ZAHLEH.

WE had a prayer-meeting to-night, and I addressed the orphans for a few moments from the verse, "Nevertheless, at Thy word I will let down the net." After speaking, I asked one of the girls to lead in prayer, and was impressed and touched to hear her say, "O Lord, give us grace to take the words we have just heard, and

carry them reverently and affectionately on our heads!" This is a thoroughly Eastern mode of thought, but impressive, is it not? When they speak of surprise, they say, "Standing still, with the hands folded;" being idle is simply "sitting."—*Mrs. Page, in Missionary Link.*

Miss Proctor, an English lady, visiting the British Syrian schools, writes in the London *Woman's Work* of her visit to Baalbec:

"I WENT with the examiner and the Rev. G. F. Dale, an American missionary, to Baalbec, where, almost under the shadow of the ruins of the Temple of the Sun, our little Christian school is carried on. We arrived on Saturday evening. Next morning Mr. Dale held his Arabic service in our school-room. There was a good congregation. The service commenced with the baptism of the infant of the school-master of one of the neighboring villages, both he and his wife being converts; then two new converts made their public profession of faith, and were received into the church. One was a young woman in the prime of life, from the Greek Church; the other an old woman, past seventy, a Maronite. She came from a village six hours distant, where there are many convinced of the truth; but she was the only one who had the courage to come out and confess the Saviour, notwithstanding the persecution she knew awaited her. She seemed deeply affected during the service."

North American Indians.

OMAHA MISSION, NEBRASKA.

Miss Fetter, from Muscatine, Iowa, who has been laboring since 1880 among the Omahas, supported by Maumee Presbytery, gives an interesting account of work at the mission.

OUR school numbers fifty-four pupils, all of whom are gradually advancing in knowledge. We had a nice Christmas tree for the children, the presents on which were given by lady friends of the mission. We have a sewing society which meets every Saturday afternoon, and a committee of Indian women as managers. We sew and talk and read something interesting. They all seem to enjoy it and attend regularly. We hope by this means to teach and elevate them and gain their confidence as we can in no other way. They are working to benefit the church. The meeting is opened and closed with prayer, in which the Indian women take part.

There is also a flourishing night school for the men, induced by an earnest desire on the part of some to learn English and to read. The school has from twenty to thirty present each night—three nights in the week—men from twenty to forty years of age. Their

interest is increasing and their progress is wonderful. Each night brings new scholars.

I hope and pray that the future for these poor, eagerly anxious seekers for knowledge will be brighter and better in every way. There are some earnest men in this Indian church, and there is a good attendance at the services in the mission chapel on the Sabbath.

CHRISTMAS IN TULLAHASSEE.

Miss Lillian Green, from Cairo, Iowa, supported by the Fourth Church, Chicago, who resumed her work in the Creek mission early in December, writes as follows:

EXCEPTING the weekly half-holiday, there are only two days of vacation during the school year, Christmas and May-Day, and we try to make these as bright as possible, that we may in a measure make up in quality what we lack in quantity.

We had our Christmas tree Tuesday evening, December 27—a bright, merry time, not soon to be forgotten. A nice cedar tree was brought from the woods and put up in the school-room. The long, graceful branches were decorated with gifts that had been kindly sent by societies in Bloomfield, Ill., and Allegheny, Pa. The boys were delighted with the beautiful tree, and all seemed well pleased with their gifts. I shall never forget the glad exclamations of one little fellow who had received a little red box, with pencils and other school necessities; it seemed an "Aladdin's lamp" to him as he discovered the different treasures, consisting of pencils, crayon, etc. One of the larger boys repeated very nicely a Christmas carol by Frances Ridley Havergal; the story of Jesus on the night when the angels sang, "On earth peace, good will unto men," was read, a fervent prayer offered, and singing by the teachers and boys, with vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. Robertson and her daughters, added interest and deep feeling to the evening. After the gifts were distributed the Christmas evening feast was enjoyed by all. The tree was surrounded on two sides with a side-board (?) on which were cakes, pies, and candies. Could any one ask for a finer feast? Then games and a general good time, when all said good-night with a feeling that it was, indeed, a merry Christmas.

I wish the children who sent the nice cards with verses could see how pleased and eager the boys are to get them. In the morning when they have finished their work they ask for a card to learn their verse for the evening prayer-time. Each one repeats a verse of Scripture every evening. They keep the cards two weeks and then bring them to me, and I let them keep all that they can repeat. They are greatly interested in seeing who will get the greatest

number. Other children and friends sent some very pretty cards, which helped to gladden our Christmas time enough to have well repaid the givers if they could have seen the pleasure of the receivers. I know their hearts are enriched, for "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The buildings are repaired, and we find ourselves much more comfortably situated than we were last session. This was a pleasant surprise to me, for I supposed we should have the same old uncomfortable buildings. With the Lord's help we hope to do great things for Him during the coming year.

GROWING IN GRACE.

The following letter is a beautiful testimony to the power of God to convert the darkest minds, and lead them into the way of holiness.

I AM glad to say that the Lord has given me increased assurance that the gospel is intended for Indians as well as white men. Indians can grow in grace as well as fall from grace. The latter no one will dispute. And I can give some proofs that the Indian Christians grow in grace.

Some four or five years ago a missionary society was organized, just to raise funds from the Indian churches to carry the gospel to the heathen Indians. Christian benevolence is a late thing among the Indians, and the first year but little was raised. They have given more every year, until this year their contributions amount to $564 46 for this one object. It has been collected entirely from the Indian field, where there are eleven churches and a little over eight hundred church members. This I call growth in grace. And the work is largely done by the women. Indeed there is a sewing society in every church to raise missionary money. The women do not all take as much interest in it as they should, but some love the work very much. At this place the women meet Monday afternoon for this object, and some of them don't stop with that, but do work at home too. For instance, last week the society finished making patches for a quilt, and it was expected that the society would quilt it this week. But when they came together Mary Aungie, who takes care of the work, opened her bundle, and there was the quilt already quilted. When asked how that came she only replied, "Oh, four of us got together last Thursday and did it."

So you may see how the money comes, for there are no rich people among these Indians yet. And, moreover, they have only known of Christ for a short time, and still show too many traces of the bondage of Satan, under which they have groaned for so many generations.

J. P. WILLIAMSON.

YANKTON AGENCY, D. T.

China.

Miss Tiffany, from Independence, Iowa, supported by Whitewater Presbytery, who sailed October 8, reaching Chefoo November 18, gives us some of her first impressions.

I CAN hardly realize that the long wished for time has come and that I am actually in China. Though the voyage was a very pleasant, happy, and I trust profitable one, I was not sorry when I reached the end. We are quite pleasantly situated here, our rooms home-like and convenient, the situation all that could be desired. Dr. Nevius' house is on the hills overlooking the city and sea; we have plenty of room for air and walking. I have not yet studied enough to pass a correct opinion of the language, but think I shall enjoy very much the acquiring it.

Last week, the weather being unusually fine for this time of the year, Miss Anderson and I went out into the country to visit a few villages. I think the experience was a very good one for one just about to begin studying the language. The women are so eager to hear the "new doctrine," there is so much to be done, that I feel as if I could not have had a better impetus to hard work. Instead of waiting for work, the work is waiting for us. I never realized before how much we should need to pray for wisdom in our first year's work, so much depends upon this, and one feels inclined to set out at a rate impossible to maintain. I have restricted myself to four hours of study during the first two weeks and six afterwards. This seems but a short time when to study is all that one can do, but Mrs. Fitch and others have told me that it would not be wise to undertake more. It is a great help to use our knowledge as fast as acquired, and this we are compelled to do.

Last night the missionaries' monthly prayer-meeting was held here. The night was a very stormy one, so that all could not come, but there were eighteen persons present and the meeting was exceedingly pleasant. Five denominations were represented. Messrs. Leyenberger and Mills gave a very interesting account of their autumn's work.

ALONE AMONG HEATHEN.

WE stopped at a village where a native church member lives; her husband is employed as a missionary by the native Christians, and he is away from home all the time nearly. She has three little children; she is the only Christian in the village, and she has no sympathy, no earthly help, but has to stem the tide of heathenism all alone, and it is not easy. She told of her vexations and troubles and cried over them, and I cried with her.

I never fully appreciated the situation before. How hard it is for her to teach her children to observe the Sabbath, when all the village children come as usual and want them to play! There is no Sunday-school, no church; she herself can read her Bible, but the best of us cannot read the Bible all the time. She has no papers, no books, no stories to read. There are no hallowed memories, no bright example of mother's or father's devotion to hallow the day. The teachings of the Bible are still dim and shadowy to her. There is nothing in this barbarous language to fire her soul, no poetry, eloquence, or soul-stirring pathos in the language of the sacred book. I seemed to take it all in as I never did before, when she begged us to pray for her. How utterly she is cut off from human sympathy! We could only commend her to God. She has lived in the village about three years, and has gained the respect of the people by her dutiful conduct towards her old father-in-law. His heathen daughter-in-law will not care for him. I pray that God will strengthen this poor woman to bear witness for Him, and not let her sink under her discouragements.

United States of Colombia.

HONDA, December 15, 1881.

OUR long school year closed the last day of November. It is difficult to give a report. I should like to write a good one and show that there has been a real desire and effort to improve on the part of the scholars. But school girls are the same all over the world, I suppose; they let their opportunities go by without thinking of the precious time being lost. The examinations showed however that some improvement had been made. Who can tell but there may be seed hidden in their hearts that will spring up and bear fruit in their after lives? What a privilege, what a responsibility the Father has put upon us! Surely we need strength and wisdom from on high to know how to guide these young minds aright. It is as you say, we are continually learning; and this year's work has given us an insight into the character of our pupils. We know their weaknesses, their good traits, and feel better prepared for the coming year. We had three days of public examination, the first one being devoted to the primary department, taught by Miss Maria Bransby. Her school has been large this year. They did well in most of the exercises, and the large audience seemed pleased with their efforts. They have taken much interest in singing, and their voices sounded very sweetly as they sang the hymns they had learned during the year. The second day proved as successful as the first. Our large parlor was filled and a number of

persons stood in the hall. The last day was given up almost entirely to music, as the girls were anxious to play or sing what they had learned. The audience expressed its satisfaction with all the exercises, but the number of pupils for the coming year will show whether the school is really growing in favor. We felt relieved when it was all over, though in many respects it has been a pleasant year and we hope a profitable one.

School opens again the 16th of January. We are enjoying the month and a half of rest with our friends on the banks of the Magdalena. It is exceedingly warm, but we are delighted with this after having had a year of chilly weather. We expect to return to Bogota by the 1st, so the church will only be closed three Sabbaths, and they hoped still to hold meetings in private houses. Our minds often go back to the little band, especially to those who have recently united with the church, for they need much strength to keep them from falling into the many temptations that surround them. In that city it is difficult to know what the daily life of our friends is, as we are not thrown in contact with them as with the school girls. There seems to be a field of work among the young men. Large numbers attend church, and several have expressed a desire to become members. We hope they are sincere and are being drawn by the Spirit, but in this country where all is so smooth on the exterior, and yet no one really trusts anybody else, it is necessary to use the greatest care. We have not yet found a plan by which we can become acquainted with the real life of those whom we see so seldom.

Mr. Caldwell is obliged to spend most of his time in his study, in order to prepare his Spanish sermons. It is difficult for him to visit, though he feels that there is great need of it. Another great necessity is a boys' school, but that seems an impossibility at present with so few workers. It is a pity to throw these little boys who have been under Protestant influences where they will be made to choose between infidelity or fanaticism. Several parents are perplexed to know what to do with their boys during the coming year. I wonder if the cry for more workers is as urgent in other fields as in this. Surely they cannot need help more. My letters from home (among the Indians of North America) speak of the native helpers; how long before we too can write the same? We have reason, however, to "thank God and take courage," for He has certainly sent us great blessings spiritually. Our hearts have been gladdened as we saw some ready to confess Christ before men, four being added to the church at our last communion. Before this one young girl who had been in the school for years and seemed indifferent made known her desire to become a Christian and was received with four others. We felt particularly interested in her,

and if she now devotes her talents to His service, she will be a useful worker in His vineyard. Her voice is already of use in the choir, and she has decided taste for the piano. We hope in time that she may become a teacher in the mission. We need your prayers, for we know they will bring us a blessing.

Miss M. Ramsey.

Here and There.

This year will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of my conversion, and I shall try to make a special gift for missions. Are there not many throughout the Northwest who will do likewise? . . . Instead of keeping the anniversaries of the deaths of our loved ones by buying costly flowers to lay on their graves, how fitting to offer the price to the Lord, acknowledging with joy the number of years they have been with Him.

Wasn't Miss Cort's letter in the *Foreign Missionary* pitiful, yet the spirit brave and beautiful? Tell the home churches I am glad I am a missionary. I echoed it in my heart when I read it; and truly, after all the storms and trials and hours of darkness and temptation, I am glad, and, oh, so happy in my work. Surely God's ways are past finding out; but His mercies are sure, His faithfulness never-ending.

Our success has surprised, perhaps a little awed me, as a result of such small, inexperienced efforts, and I feel that it is chiefly because it is God's time to work among His people here in this cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden sailed from New York, Jan. 12, on the "City of Puebla." Their address is simply *Mexico City, Mexico.*

The large, good-toned bell given to the girls' school in Tripoli by the Sabbath-school of Binghamton Presbytery has upon it "Let him that heareth say come;" an invitation which rang out from the tower for the first time on Sabbath morning, Dec. 11.

Miss Given and Miss Downs, from Chicago, the former supported by the Chicago Presbytery, the latter by the societies in the Sixth and Jefferson Park Churches, who sailed Oct. 1 and reached Rawal Pindi, their destination, Dec. 5, wrote from Allahabad:

"We were twelve days on the way from Suez to India, seven weeks on Saturday since we left Philadelphia. We were much impressed by the appearance of the Sabbath-school in Bombay. From the noisy street where thronged the wretched heathen, bartering, selling, begging, gambling and quarrelling on the Lord's day, we stepped into the chapel, where one hundred and fifty chil-

dren and their native teachers were sitting, clean, quiet and attentive. Indeed the order might have shamed that in many a Sabbath-school at home. After *tiffin* on Monday, Mrs. Hume took us to their day-school, of which they are justly proud. They have a nice new building, furnished on the American plan. As on the Sabbath, cleanliness and order were observable. We were shown specimens of needlework and fancy work which had been done by both the boys and the girls in the school, and they sang several hymns for us very sweetly. Since meeting these kind friends in another mission than our own we have felt very much encouraged."

Mrs. C. B. Newton writes while itinerating a few miles from Lahore, India:

I WISH you could see our encampment. We have first a large tent, the fly of which extends over two sides, making a little veranda one way and a small room the other. Then we have a small tent, all in one piece, where we take our meals. On the other side, *i. e.*, to the front of the large tent, is Mr. N.'s *fazir* tent, which he uses for a study. This is six feet square and is made of a single thickness of unbleached muslin, so as to be light and adapted to those tours which he makes alone. We have made only two marches since coming out a month ago, and the expense of moving us each time, with our tents and other effects, was only a dollar. I go to the villages about, as I have opportunity, to talk to the women. Meantime I am learning this jaw-breaking Punjábi. Sometimes I find the women very dull, sometimes afraid of me, sometimes occupied, for they are really industrious, and not wanting to be interrupted; but usually a crowd gathers round, and I have the satisfaction of seeing the earnest faces of some who listen attentively.

"READY TO DIE FOR THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS."

AN INCIDENT IN ONE OF THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

THE first efforts made to introduce the gospel to the island of Eromanga, in the New Hebrides group, resulted in the tragical murder by the natives of the devoted missionary Williams and his young companion, Harris, who had just joined the Polynesian mission. When the terrible tidings reached the distant island of Rarotonga the utmost confusion and distress prevailed among the people, who had themselves, but a few years before, been lifted out of the most debasing idolatry and cannibalism into the light and love of the gospel. Not less than thirteen hundred people came together to hear the sad facts from the missionary, Mr. Sill, re-

peatedly interrupting him, as he attempted to read the letters he had received, by their lamentations and cries of distress. Having at last finished the details he gave a short exhortation, and was followed by several of the elder members of the church, who spoke to the people in most touching terms of "*Wiliamu's*" first visit to Rarotonga; of his labors for their welfare, and of their grief at his untimely end. It is said "the whole scene was deeply impressive, and was worthy of their love to him to whom they owed so much."

Among the speakers was a middle-aged man, who, when the gospel was first preached in Rarotonga, was one of the most daring warriors and inveterate cannibals of his tribe. But his mind had been enlightened and his heart renewed; and on rising to address the congregation, after wiping away the tears which rolled down his cheeks, he said, "Brethren, listen to me! This is a day of sorrow; we have not known such sorrow since the word of God was brought to our land. Wiliamu, our father, is dead; he has been murdered by the savages—blind savages! Ah! he was a warrior, a great warrior of Jesus, and he has fallen. But, brethren, I have been thinking, why should we weep for him? You remember how we used to act in our heathenism. Our warriors would leave home and wives and children to fight the battles of our chief. To fall in battle was esteemed an honor. You know we used to say that the warrior who thus fell would have great possessions and honors in company with his chief in the world beyond. This thought warms my heart now; let us weep for ourselves; let us weep for *Wiliamu vaine*, Mrs. Williams; let us weep for the heathen, but let us not weep for Wiliamu. Brethren, wipe away your tears. This is my question to you, What about the work? Who will stand where Wiliamu fell? Who will go and complete the battle which he began? Brethren, I have been remembering the prayer of Jesus when He hung upon the cross, 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.' Should not this be our prayer? Now, in conclusion, I look to the missionary, and I look to you, and I tell you that the desire of my heart is to be put on board the next ship that comes to our land, that I be taken down to that dark land of Eromanga and be put on shore in the midst of the heathen who murdered Wiliamu. I will tell them what we once were and what the Word of God has now made us; and, it may be, they will understand what I say; but should I fall by their hands,"—looking towards another church member, he said, "If I fall, you, my brother, follow me; and if you fall, let another come, and another, and in this way the land of Eromanga and all its people shall be gained for Jesus, and become as we are this day, through the preaching of His Word." Such was the spirit of one redeemed from heathenism, who would have regarded it his highest honor to lay down his life

for his Saviour. This he was not permitted to do. Before Eromanga was "gained for Jesus," he had joined the great multitude around the throne in heaven.—*See Western Polynesia.*

For the Young People.

THE SIDON SEMINARY.

IMAGINE you would like to know something about the Sidon Seminary, where I have been for the last three months. We have about forty boarders, all Protestants and chosen from the most promising pupils of our common schools in different parts of the mission. The charge for a girl in the school is, for board and tuition, $40, for clothing, $12.

All the housework, cooking, washing and sewing of the establishment is done by the girls themselves, excepting that the woman who oversees the girls washes the sheets, and the man cook whom Miss Eddy and I have for our table does the marketing and buying for the school. The girls are divided into ten sections, four in each, changing work once a week.

It will be a novelty to you to hear that we buy *wheat* instead of flour. This morning the girls washed a large quantity and spread it out on the clean cement roof to dry. I hear them now sweeping it up in heaps ready for the miller to carry away in his bags. The wheat has to be watched or the saucy sparrows would rob us of a large share.

We have three or four hundred loaves of bread baked every day in the public ovens. The shape of these loaves is best illustrated by two thin china tea-plates, one inverted over the other. The edges are joined, but the inside is hollow. Another kind of bread common in this land is round or oval in shape, flat and very thin, and over a foot in diameter.

We always have some of the food which the girls have cooked placed on our table, so that we may see that it is properly prepared. Miss Eddy and I were both born and brought up in Syria, so we like many of the native dishes. The Arabs always have the principal meal at night.

Our building was formerly occupied by three native families, but was remodelled and is now mission property. All through the house the floors are stone, cement or coarse marble. It is so warm

most of the year that we do not cover them with carpet or matting, only using little fancy mats here and there in our own rooms.

It is a pretty sight to walk through the sleeping-rooms and see row after row of clean, neat-looking beds. Each girl has a green iron single bedstead with a white counterpane, which is taken off and folded at night. Their covering is the same as that used by the people of the country—a thin quilt wadded with cotton. The pupils rise at half-past five and retire at half-past eight. Just here let me tell you an incident illustrating the early-rising habits of this people. One New Year's morning Miss Eddy thought she would allow the girls to sleep late, as a special favor. She told the teacher whose duty it was to ring the bell not to do so. In the morning the girls were greatly distressed, thinking it was a punishment, wondering what they had done, and begging to be allowed to get up!

Bible study is made a specialty, and I think you would be pleased with their ready answers to general questions. They are taught the Catechism with proofs, the parables and miracles of our Lord, "Evidences of Christianity," "Harmony of the Gospels," Knox's "Life of St. Paul," and "Guide to Seekers," which gives the plan of each book in the Bible, facts about each writer, and important things to be remembered. My class has greatly enjoyed the study of the prophets in connection with this last book. I have heard this part of the Bible compared to the unknown part of Africa, but I trust it is not so with us. I have also geography classes and English classes in the day-school. This school contains Christians, Jews, Moslems and Metawalis. On the Sabbath we have extra Bible-classes, and there is a large Sunday-school, of 160 members, held in our church in the afternoon, which they also attend.

I must not forget to tell you that part of some money sent to Sidon station for the distribution of books has been set apart for the purchase of Bibles for those who recite the Catechism (Assembly) without a mistake. Two pupils in the boarding department and two in the day-school have earned Bibles in this way, also reciting proofs without mistakes. Since the beginning of this year twelve boys from one class have received Bibles. Altogether over thirty copies have been taken.

Seven girls graduate this year, some to be married soon, others to teach. All are members of the church except one, and we hope that she too is a Christian. Besides Bible studies, geography, arithmetic, algebra, grammar, rhetoric, and history both natural and general, are taught.

According to the custom of the people of this country, the older girls are enveloped in a sort of sheet whenever they leave the house. Imagine a long file of forty girls, two and two, dressed in this Ori-

ental costume, headed by our cook, while two American ladies bring up the rear! You might take the silent, sheeted procession for a company of ghosts. Once outside the gates of the city they can throw back their covering and have more liberty.

At the Easter vacation Miss Eddy went to Jerusalem with her brother, who is also stationed here. It is a little strange that the four who now occupy this post of the mission should be missionary children, who well remember romping and playing together, and have now returned, after a period of study in America, to work together, following in the footsteps of their parents.

I remained with the ten girls who stayed here during the short vacation. We took many good walks, and had an opportunity of becoming well acquainted. One day we spent among the gardens, taking our dinners with us. Another time we went to the old castle on the hill, from which there is a lovely view of Sidon, embowered on the east with its far-famed orange gardens, and skirted on the west by the blue Mediterranean. I have noticed the fragrance of the orange blossoms when approaching Sidon by land, although several miles away, and have thought of the lines,

"Like fragrance on the breezes
His name abroad is poured."

It is said that when the wind is in the right direction the perfume is carried far out to sea. A very delicate perfume is made from the orange-flower petals, and orange-flower water is much used, both as a medicine and for flavoring drinks and sweetmeats.

If you will come to see me some pleasant afternoon in spring, I will take you to an orange garden, where you can see fruit and flowers on the tree at the same time, and hear the nightingales as they flit among the branches, while you recline at ease on mats and cushions. I should not feel appalled if a hundred ladies should come; it would only cost me twenty-five cents to supply all with fine oranges!

I cannot better describe the lovely spring time here than in Solomon's own words:

"Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone;
"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing *of birds* is come,
"And the voice of the turtle (dove) is heard in our land.
"The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
"And the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell."

I do not know of anything which could ever make the Song of Solomon more vivid than a walk among the gardens. They are all enclosed by high walls (chap. iv. 12), and there is often an opening in the large door or gate, for foot-passengers (v. 4). Inside grow many trees and plants which give forth the richest perfumes—

the orange, fig, grape, pomegranate, apricot, camphire, rose, violet, jasmine, etc. There is usually a house in the garden for the gardener and his family. They often keep cows, so you must not laugh when I tell you that we send to the gardens for our milk and butter!

To return to the vacation. One trip was to the lighthouse, in boats—a great treat to some of the girls, who had never been on the water. At evening prayers, instead of reading in course, as usual, we took up a subject appropriate to what we had seen during the day. For instance, the day we went to the castle we looked up all the verses relating to fortresses or towers, as "The Lord is my rock and my fortress," etc. The evening of our visit to the lighthouse we took up the subject of light as applied to Christ and God's word—Christ, "a light to those who sit in darkness," and God's word, "a lamp to our feet." The girls were pleased with this plan, and my object was to accustom them to mingle religion with everyday life and to learn to derive lessons from nature. The religions of Syria are pre-eminently composed of forms and ceremonies—something to be done and gone through with, and then over till the next time.

Ah, how we need your prayers that what is taught may be blessed! The girls are not indifferent when talked with on religious subjects, but on the contrary seem quite interested and easily touched. *Now* seems to be the sowing time, and we rely much on the prayers of those who support the girls. I wonder if friends at home realize the privilege and responsibility of prayer in behalf of those they are trying to help. E. G. B.

SIDON, SYRIA.

HAVE YOU NOT A WORD FOR JESUS?

HAVE you not a word for Jesus?
Will *the world* His praise proclaim?
Who will speak if ye are silent?
Ye who know the Saviour's name.
You, whom He hath called and chosen,
His own witnesses to be,
Will you tell your gracious Master,
"Lord, we cannot speak for Thee!"
"Cannot!" though He suffered for you,
Died because He loved you so!
"Cannot!" though He has forgiven,
Making scarlet white as snow!
"Cannot!" though His grace abounding
Is your freely promised aid!
"Cannot!" though HE stands beside you,
Though HE says, "Be not afraid."

—*Frances Ridley Havergal.*

At Home.

THE DEAD ROLL.

At a recent Presbyterial meeting one lady rose, when her society was called, and reported as follows:

"I am sorry to be obliged to give a very discouraging account of the condition of things in our little society. There are but few of us at best, and only two or three who feel a real interest in this work. We are long distances from the church and from each other, and so find it hard to get together, and still harder to get the other ladies to come to our meetings or to contribute. We have been struggling along at this rate, losing ground all the time, till we have about concluded to give up trying any longer, and allow the name of our society to be stricken from the roll."

During the progress of the reports another lady responded that the society she represented was in a dying condition, if not already dead. It had had a precarious existence for some time, and a few had been coaxing it along and trying to keep it alive, but they had failed. She thought they had done everything they could do, but it was now her painful duty to report the society *dead*.

Here were two obituary notices to be put on record This could not be allowed without at least looking more closely into the matter, and making sure that the torpor of indifference had not been mistaken for the stillness of death.

Difficulties of a kind that are overcome only by prayer and an all-conquering faith there doubtless were; but faith must keep up her ratio with the difficulties to be overcome, or we will never wear the victor's crown.

It certainly does require more effort to go three or four miles to a missionary meeting than to walk as many squares; but these same Christian women travel the same distance to attend to their secular business—to do their marketing, shopping, etc. To these dear sisters, and the many others whom they represent, we would say, Are you sure you have done all you could to keep your society alive? Possibly you have nursed it to death by constantly feeling its pulse, shaking your head ominously, and gravely remarking, "Can't live long at this rate; evidently growing weaker, very little vitality left, seems to be no recuperative power. Stimulants, such as rousing speeches from returned missionaries, spasmodic exhortations from our pastor, have but a temporary effect, followed by a collapse—each time leaving the patient weaker. The case seems hopeless, and we may just as well give it up to die."

Has it ever occurred to you that your society is starving to death? Suppose you try wholesome, nourishing food in the shape

of information. Read the lives of our faithful missionaries, read the reports of what great things God is doing all over the world—how even refined, enlightened France is stretching forth imploring hands to us, and her gifted sons are asking that in return for their ministries to us as a nation one hundred years ago, in temporal things, we now minister to their necessities, growing out of their deep poverty, in spiritual things. Read of the hard, discouraging foundation-work done by our earlier missionaries, then come down to the present time and note the wonderful progress everywhere. Look out upon the field which is the world, and see how white it is to the harvest—everywhere inviting the sickle—and remember that a ripened harvest ungathered is a harvest lost.

Can you afford to spend your time watching by the couch of your sick society? No! Up and be doing, or the enemy will surely gather your sheaves.

Instead of spending your time doctoring and preparing tempting delicacies, go to work *directly* for Christ. Resolve, with Joshua, that whatever others may do, as for you and your house, you at least will obey the Saviour's command. Read, study, pray, give, and go to the place of meeting if you find no one but the Master there. One woman, with Christ on her side, is always in the majority. Refresh your drooping faith and love by frequently repairing to Pilate's hall, to Gethsemane and Calvary, that you may ever keep fresh in your mind and heart what Jesus has done for you; from thence to Olivet, and hear His parting words.

Soon you will become so thoroughly aroused yourself, and so fully imbued with the spirit of missions, that you cannot help being a diffusive power. Others will see your good works who never heeded your good words, and they will take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus and have indeed learned of Him.

And, my dear sisters, who are mourning over societies you believe to be dying or dead, do not hasten to a burial. Is it a time to dig graves and file obituary notices when the whole heathen world is stretching out imploring hands for something better than their idol gods can give them—asking for some light to be shed upon the life beyond more cheering than any of their religions can furnish?

If you have, like the sisters of Bethany, sent for the Master, He will surely come; and will He not be sorely grieved by your want of faith if He finds the stone already rolled to the door of the sepulchre? It will have to be removed ere the word of resurrection power can be spoken—and this you will find hard work.

It is a comparatively easy thing to organize a new society, not so very hard to revive and strengthen a declining one, but to resurrect a dead one requires Almighty power, superadded to a vast deal of human faith and patience.

Again would we say to our faint-hearted sisters, Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Him who has said, "Lo, I am with you alway, beholding, inspiring, and rewarding your faith and patience," and who has said, "In *due time* ye shall reap *if ye faint not.*" But if ye faint, what then! All God's promises of reward and triumph are conditioned upon continuing, persevering, holding on to the end! J. M. H.

CURRENT LITERATURE AND MISSIONS.

Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.—Dr. Samuel Johnson.

A Provincial Capital of Mexico, by Mary Hallock Foote. *The Century*, January, 1882.

Hindu Humor, by Elizabeth Robins. *The Atlantic Monthly*, January, 1882.

Statistics of the Missions of the Presbyterian Church. *Presbyterian Monthly Record*, January, 1882.

The Religions and Resources of India. A review of Barth's "Religions of India," Jacobs' "Manual of Hindu Pantheism" and Hunter's "Imperial Gazetteer of India." *The Critic*, January 14, 1882.

Henry Martyn. A brief account of this devoted missionary, who was remembered in Persia as "the man of God" (from the *Church Quarterly Review*). *Illustrated Christian Weekly*, January 21, 1882.

China. A study for the Monthly Concert, by H. M. J. *Presbyterian Journal*, January 26, 1882.

Commercial, Social and Political Mexico, by W. H. Bishop. *Harper's Magazine*, February, 1882.

Cruel Rites of the Heathen. *The Missionary Review*, January, February, 1882.

Japan, by Mrs. B. F. Leavitt. "Study of Mission Fields," in *Life and Light*, January, 1882. Rev. A. B. Robinson.

In looking at fir trees, of whatever height, you notice that each has a leader pointing directly upward. That always says to me, "This one thing I do." The Christian has always one heavenly aim higher than all others. And then beneath that leader, in what perfect balance and symmetry the boughs spread out—like the fully rounded, much-embracing life that should be ours. As with each year the leader rises higher, so is a new circle of boughs formed and every old circle widened—like the ever-increasing interests and growing breadth of sympathy which are so sure to follow a true devotedness to God.—*Garden Graith.*

THE WICK OF STRAW.

Day with its heated toil was o'er,
And of the dusky crowds, a few
Crept curious through the low-browed door,
Beneath the rafters of bamboo,
And sat them on the earthen floor.

Half-stifled in the murky room
A single slender taper gleamed,
That strove the darkness to illume,
Yet showed it denser, as it seemed,
So faint it flickered through the gloom.

A palm-oil drop within a shell,—
An inch of braided barley-straw,
With point of flame scarce visible,
Was all the crouching listeners saw
Of light athwart the dusk that fell.

And stooping by that taper dim,
Sat one of alien name and face,
Who for the loving sake of Him
Whose Cross lights earth's dark dwelling-place,
Came round the world that lamp to trim.

No wonder that disheartening fears
Betray themselves in look and tone;
No wonder, gazing down the years
Through which these myriads troop alone,
This "Jesus-man" is blind with tears!

"Oh, if from out the blaze of light
That floods so many a Christian dome,—
Oh, if across the billows white
That break betwixt me and my home,
They would but spare one lamp to-night!

"If they believed what Christ still saith,—
If they once saw what I have seen,—
They could not draw such tranquil breath—
They could not watch with soul serene
These stumblers staggering down to death!

"By Him whose feet for us have trod
The wine press of the wrath, I pray,
Ye churches, hold the torch abroad,—
Ye people, point the upward way,
And light these heathen home to God!"

Dare we deny him? Shall he draw
No help from hearts unmoved and shut?
Can we, renouncing love's sweet law,
Watch calmly in the bamboo hut
The quenching of that inch of straw?

—*Margaret J. Preston.*

W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church.

Subject for Prayer-meeting, 1334 *Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, March* 21, 12 *M.*—Prayer for a blessing upon our Annual Meeting, that those attending it may be incited to pray, to devise and labor for far greater results than have yet been realized. (1 Peter iv. 11.)

THE Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, N. J., April 26 and 27. Special arrangements will be made with railroads for the benefit of the delegates. Each Presbyterial society should appoint one or more of its officers as delegates. It is requested that the presidents of Presbyterial societies, as far as possible, be present. Each auxiliary and young people's society is expected to send a delegate. Societies are requested to report the names of delegates to Miss M. J. Morton, 119 West State Street, Trenton, N. J., before April 10. Further information will be given next month.

THE NORTH PACIFIC BRANCH.

WE call attention to the "NORTH PACIFIC BRANCH," mentioned among the new auxiliaries this month. This is in the Synod of Columbia, which includes the Presbyteries of Idaho, Oregon and Puget's Sound. Our hearts thrill with joy as we warmly welcome this little band of earnest Christian women to our fellowship; and it certainly should be a stimulus to us to have these workers, who are laboring so faithfully to build up the waste places in our own country, feel that they must have "a share in this blessed work."

In the "memorial" presented to the Synod of Columbia previous to their organization they say, "And further, being deeply impressed with the necessity of reaching out our prayers and contributions to the nations 'sitting in darkness' as a means of our own spiritual advancement, we earnestly ask the Synod of Columbia the acceptance of the organization which we propose to effect at this time." The Synod heartily endorsed their action.

TEN HISTORICAL SKETCHES of the Missions under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Price fifty cents for the set, or ten cents for a single sketch.

TWELVE SCRAP-BOOK PICTURES—Scenes in Heathen Lands. Twenty-five cents per set; five sets for one dollar.

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Foreign Missionary Society, free. A charge for postage is made when they are sent by mail.

Address the Treasurer, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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New Brunswick Pres., 1st Church, New Brunswick, N. J.
Oregon Pres., Salem, Oreg.
Philadelphia Central Pres., Memorial Church, Philadelphia.
Philadelphia North Pres., Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
Steubenville Pres., Hopedale and New Philadelphia, O.

BANDS.

Buffalo, Pa., Upper Buffalo Ch., Coral Workers.
Connellsville, Pa., Johnson Bd.
Hayesville, O., Y. P. B.
Knoxville, Tenn, Y. P. B.
Martinsburg, Pa., Band of Hope.
Mauch Chunk, Pa., Ferrier Bd. Y. L. B.
Oakland, Cal., Joyful Workers.
Philadelphia, Pa., Columbia Ave. Ch., Carrier Doves; Memorial Ch., Lilies of the Field; West Arch St. Ch., Carrier Doves.
Ringoes, N. J., Kirkpatrick Memorial Ch., Kent Bd.
St. Augustine, Fla., S. S., Anderson Bd.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Barker, Mrs. Orsina P.
Collins, Mr. John L.
Emery, Mrs. David
Freedly, Mrs. G. Howard
Hamilton, Miss Sarah Ann
Hughes, Mrs. H. W.
Paul, Henry N., Jr.
Renshaw, Mrs. Anna E.
Stewart, Mrs. Milton
Witmer, Mrs. C. A.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from Jan. 1, 1882.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS. — Beverly, Cheerful Givers, sch. bld'g Mexico, $43 00
BINGHAMTON.—Waverly Aux., nat. tea. Kolapoor, . . 80 00
BLAIRSVILLE. — Conemaugh Aux., $15; Derry Aux., $65 41; Ebensburg Aux., $32, Mountain Rill Band, $18 ($50), for sch'p Sidon; Greensburg Aux., indust. sch. Ningpo, $50, sch. Sidon, $50, Miss'y Africa, $25 ($125); Plum Creek, $30, . 285 41
CARLISLE.—Chambersburg, Falling Spring Aux., Miss'y Syria, $4 10; Gettysburg, Miss McPherson, Miss'y India, $35; Greencastle Aux., sch'p Beirut, $40, a friend, sch'p Gaboon, $20 ($60); Harrisburg, Market Square Aux., nat. tea. Beirut, $100, sch. bld'g Mex., $50, Miss'y Syria, $2 12, Gen. Fund, $27 39 ($179 47); Pine St. Aux., nat. tea. Sidon, $70, sch. Allahabad, $70, Miss'y Africa, $25, L. B. M., sch. bld'g Mexico, $20, N. G., same, $5, Whatsoever Bd.,

sch'p Benita, $30 ($220); 7th St. Aux., Miss'y Syria, $21 37; Lower Path Valley Aux., $21; McConnellsburg Aux, $8, Y. L. B., $6 ($14), for sch. bld'g Mexico; Middle Spring, Miss'y Syria, $51 35; Paxton, Miss'y Africa, $5, sch. bld'g Mexico, $13 ($18); Shippensburg Aux., $62, Hull Bd., furnishing Theol. Sem. Oroomiah, $10 ($72), . . $696 29

CHILLICOTHE.—Bloomingburg Y. P. S., $7; Greenfield, $34 76; Hillsboro', $18 50; Marshall, $1 44; Washington C. H., $13, Miss'y Bogota, ... 74 54

CINCINNATI. — Cincinnati 3d, Miss. Bd., Miss'y Wewoka, $50; 5th Church, Mrs. R. Brown, sch. Saharanpur, $50; 6th Ch., $9 50; Sabbath Day Aux., $30 25; Mt. Auburn Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $75; Walnut Hills 1st, $78 50; Delhi Aux., sch. Lahore, $10; Glendale Aux., $75, Friends of Missions Bd., sch'p Dehra, $40, sch. bld'g Mexico, $20 ($135); Lebanon Gleaners, $35; Montgomery Aux., $23; Sharonville Aux., $5; Somerset S. S., $3; Wyoming Aux., sch'p Yokohama, Japan, $30, . . 534 25

CLARION.—Clarion Y. L. Soc., sch. bld'g Mex., $30, Siam, $30 ($60); Leatherwood Aux., $7 50, . . . 67 50

CLEVELAND. — Cleveland 1st Aux., $191 90; Parma Aux., $5 50, Gleaners, $2 81, Grove Mission, $2 29 ($10 60); ($202 50), Miss'y Woodstock; 1st Ch. Little Rill Bd., sch'p Sidon, $59; Case Ave. Aux., zenana work India, $45; Euclid Ave. Aux., $33, Youths' Miss. Bd., $10, Young Warriors, $15 ($58), Miss'y Sidon, Willing Hearts, zenana work Etawah, $30 ($88), . 394 50

COLUMBUS.—Columbus 1st Aux., Miss'y Syria, $100; 2d Aux., same, $24 75; Westminster Aux., same, $32; London, Finley Bd., sch. India, $12 50; Lower Liberty Aux., $11, Y. P. B., $8 30 ($19 30); Mt. Sterling Aux., $7; Scioto Aux., $5, . $200 55

DAYTON.—Dayton 1st, Y. L. B., sch. bld'g Mexico, $10, zenana work India, $25 ($35); Oxford Aux., $21 50; Springfield 2d Ch. Aux., schs. Saharanpur, $55, S. S., day-sch. Canton, $22 50 ($77 50); Troy Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $25, . . 159 00

ELIZABETH.--Bethlehem Aux., Syria, $22; Plainfield Aux., Miss'y Brazil, $99 25, Miss. Bd., sch'p Sao Paulo, $30 ($129 25); Westfield, Miss'y Africa, $27 85, . . . 179 10

ERIE.—Edinboro' Aux., $13; Harbor Creek, $10; Oil City 1st, sch'p Futtehgurh, $30; Titusville Aux., Miss'y Japan, $115 50; Warren Aux., sch'p Sidon, $25, Mrs. Henry, sch'p Gaboon, $12 50 ($37 50), ... 206 00

HUNTINGDON.—Altoona 1st Aux., $62; 2d Aux., $91 27; Bellefonte, $70 72; Birmingham, $13; Colerain Forge S. S., sch'p Sidon, $52; Duncansville, $46 93; Hollidaysburg Aux., $116 93, Bd. of Hope, sch. bld'g Mexico, $30 07 ($147); Huntingdon Aux. (sch. bld'g Mex., $6 50), $124 06; Lewistown Aux., $66 33; Logan's Valley, $21 35; Lower Tuscarora, $40; Perrysville Aux., $58 89, Stewart Circle, $15 48 ($74 37); Pine Grove Mills, $33 10; Sinking Valley, $32 40; Spruce Creek, $342 77; Williamsburg Aux., sch. Saharanpur, $50, . . . 1259 30

JERSEY CITY. — Bergen 1st Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $100; Hoboken 1st, nat. tea. Sidon, $50, . . . 150 00

KITTANNING. — Apollo Aux., $28 47, Hopeful Bd., $5 73, Faithful Workers, $3 30 ($37 50), Miss'y India; Glade Run Aux., sch. bld'g

Mexico, $22; Leechburg Aux., Miss'y Siam, $25; Rural Valley Aux., Miss'y India, $15; Saltsburg, Little Sunbeams, sch. bld'g Mexico, $20; Union Aux., $23 28, ... $142 78

LACKAWANNA.—Athens Aux., sch'p Sidon, $13 50; Barclay, $17 82; Canton, $7; Carbondale Aux., Miss'y China, $15 25, S. S., $3 36 ($18 61); Dickson S. S., sch'p Allahabad, $10; Harmony, Miss'y China, $31 42; Honesdale Aux., sch'p Beirut, $11, Oroomiah, $30, sch. bld'g Mexico, $4 ($45); Kingston Aux., sch. Syria, $10 30; Langcliffe, sch. Syria, $28 47; Monroeton, $6 25; Scranton, 1st Aux., $110, Juvenile Miss'y Soc., Miss'y Beirut, $250 ($360); Scranton 2d Aux., $15 10; Green Ridge Ave. Aux., $24; Towanda Aux., Miss'y Benita, $50; Troy Aux., same, $18 53; West Pittston Aux., sch'p Beirut, $21, Band, sch'p Canton, $12 ($33); Wilkesbarre 1st Aux., Miss'y Kolapoor, $100; Wysox Aux., $10, . . . 798 00

LEHIGH.—Allentown Aux., $13; Easton 1st Aux., Bogota, $25; Hazleton Aux., $30, S. S. (of which $50 sch. Saharanpur), $81 84, ($110 84); Mauch Chunk Aux., sch. Syria, $20 50, Little Workers for Jesus, sch. bld'g Mexico, $20 ($40 50); Pottsville 2d ($5 sch. bld'g Mexico), $21 75; Reading Aux., sch. Syria, $24, . 236 09

MAHONING.--New Lisbon, Mission Gleaners, orphan Saharanpur, $20; Youngstown 1st Aux., Mexico, $89 30, Medical Fund, $135 25, Cheerful Workers, $72 ($296 25), ... 316 55

MORRIS AND ORANGE. — Orange Central Ch. S. S., Class No. 2, sch'p Canton, . . 15 00

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Flemington, Gleaners, Miss'y Brazil, $15; Lawrence Aux., sch'p Beirut, $100; Pennington Aux., zenana work Etawah, $7 15; Trenton 1st Aux., Miss'y Japan, $225; 4th Ch. Aux., Miss'y India, $160, Emily Bd., sch'p Africa, $20 ($180); Prospect St. Aux., sch'p Sao Paulo, $30, ... $557 15

NEW CASTLE.—Glasgow Aux., $5 54; Middletown, Forest Ch., sch. bld'g Mexico, $25; Pocomoke City, Miss. Bd., work Nez Perces, $2 25; Port Penn Aux., $8 33; Wilmington, Hanover Ch. Aux., Miss'y Kolapoor, $47 95, sch'p Kolapoor, $30 ($77 95), ... 119 07

NEWTON.--Asbury Aux., $6 91, S. S., class of boys, $3 30 ($10 21), Sao Paulo; Belvidere 1st, infant class, sch'p Benita, $20; Blairstown Aux., nat. tea. Canton, $15; Danville Aux., $3; Phillipsburg Aux., zenana visitor Lahore, $150; Washington Aux., schs. Saharanpur, $75, ... 273 21

NORTHUMBERLAND.— Bloomsburg S. S. (of which $50 nat. tea. Sidon), $60; Hartleton Aux., $9 50; Whitehall Aux., sch. bld'g Mex., $14 85; Williamsport, 3d Ch. Aux., Miss'y California, $50, ... 134 35

OTSEGO.—Cherry Valley, Mrs. S. M. Belcher, $50, Miss C. Roseboom, $50, Aux. Soc., $14 ($114); Delhi 1st Aux., $30 59; Delhi 2d, $16 35; Milford Aux., $6; Oneonta Aux., $8 75, all sch. bld'g Mexico, ... 175 69

PHILADELPHIA.—Calvary Ch., Day Dawn Bd., $25, Henry Paul Bd., $25, Star of Bethlehem Bd., $25 ($75), Miss'y Syria and L. Ms., Miss McElroy's class, bal., sch'ps Benita, $10 ($85); Old Pine St. Ch. Aux., Miss'y Gaboon, $350, sch. bld'g Mexico, $3 05, Workers for Jesus, 2 B. Rs. India, $100, Buds of Promise, sch'p Gaboon, $30, S. S.,

$73 09 ($556 14); Southwestern Ch., Inf. Sch. Bd., $6; 10th Ch., Miss Dillaye, B. R. Japan, $60, Miss Mary H. Brown, Beirut Sem., $15, printing Bibles Beirut, $15, N. A. Indians, $20 ($110); West Spruce St. Ch., Perseverance Bd., orphan Allahabad, $20, . $777 14

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL. — Arch St. Aux., zenana visitor India, $75; Bethlehem Aux., sch'p Dehra, $25; Cohocksink Aux., Miss'y India, $31 50, Boys' Bd., sch'p Saharanpur, $4 ($35 50); Johnstone Aux., Miss'y Odanah, $58; 2d Mantua Ch., Y. L. Aux., sch'p Wewoka, $50; Northminster Ch., proceeds of fair held by four little girls and their friends, sch. bld'g Mexico, $25 25, . . . 268 75

PHILADELPHIA NORTH.— Chestnut Hill Miss. Bd., . 10 00

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COM.—Pittsburgh 2d, Adeline Howard Bd., sch'p Canton, $15, sch. bld'g Mexico, $130 ($145); Lawrenceville Aux., Miss'y Futtehgurh, $100, . . . 245 00

REDSTONE.— Connellsville, Johnston Bd., $12 50; Laurel Hill Aux., $23 31; Pleasant Unity Aux., $47 75, Trusting Bd., $23 65 ($71 40), ... 107 21

ROCHESTER.—Sparta 1st Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, $25; Sparta 2d Aux., sch'p Dehra, $40, sch. bld'g Mexico, $20, Agnes Aitkin Bd., same, $10 ($70), . . 95 00

STEUBENVILLE. — Beech Spring Aux., $19, E. Liverpool, Cheerful Workers, $5, Waynesburg Aux., $10 ($34), Miss'y Nez Perees; Dell Roy Aux., Miss'y California, $15 25; Oak Ridge, same, $10: Corinth, $25, . 84 25

SYRACUSE.—Skaneateles Aux. (of which $20 for sch. bld'g Mexico), $74 80; Sunbeam Bd., sch'p Dehra, $40, . 114 80

WASHINGTON. — Cross Creek Aux., Miss'y India, $50; Forks of Wheeling Aux., Miss'y Tungchow, $14; New Cumberland Aux., Miss'y Syria, $31; Upper Buffalo Aux., Miss'y Tungchow, $31 25; Wheeling 1st Aux., Miss'y India, $87, Bd. of Hope, Miss'y Syria, $30 ($117); Washington 1st Aux., Miss'y India, $75, Cornes Bd., 3 sch'ps Mynpurie, $25, June Rose Buds, 2 sch'ps Shanghai, $19 86, Female Sem., Med. Fund, $100, a young lady, proceeds of silk quilt, same, $10 ($229 86); West Alexander Aux., Miss'y Tungchow, $50, S. S., sch'p Dehra, $40, sch. bld'g Mexico, $20, Hold the Fort Bd., child of Miss'y, $25 ($135), . . $608 11

WASHINGTON CITY. — Metropolitan Ch., Mateer Bd., sch. bld'g Mexico, . . 20 00

WEST CHESTER.—Thompsonville S. S., sch'p Dehra, $40, sch. bld'g Mexico, $20, . 60 00

WESTMINSTER. — Bellevue Aux., sch. Saharanpur, $50; Lebanon, Christ Chapel Miss. Bd., sch'p Wewoka, $50; New Harmony Aux., $16 82; Mt. Joy, $10 61; Wrightsville, $23 75, . 150 56

WOOSTER. — Hopewell Aux., $14; Millersburg, $15; Savannah Aux., $25, . . 54 00

ZANESVILLE. — Pataskala Aux., sch. bld'g Mexico, . 20 00

MISCELLANEOUS.—A., N. C., C. B., sch. bld'g Mexico, $49 50; Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. E. C. Hooper, $2; Cedarville, N. J., Ada, $2; Chester Valley, Pa., Mrs. L. Worthington, sch. bld'g Mexico, $5; Clinton, N. Y., C. E. F., $10; Doylestown, O., a friend, $10; Downingtown, Pa., Mrs. E. J. Tutton, sch. bld'g Mexico, $25; Ebensburg, Pa., Mrs. F. H. Barker, L. M., $25; Hollidaysburg, Pa., Mrs. Hemphill, L. M., $25; King's Ferry, N. Y., Miss

Ruth Tuthill's class, $7; Menasha, Wis., a friend, $4 30; New Brighton, Pa., Mrs. M. E. Palmer, sch'p Gaboon, $25; New London, Conn., H. Lockwood, sch. bld'g Mexico, $1 10; Northboro', Mass., Miss S. K. Davis, 40 cts.; Phila., M. L. N., $50, Mrs. J. Stewart, $1, E. W. S., thank-off., Mexico, $5, a minister, Med. Fund, $20; Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. H. G. Coffee, $5; Rensselaerville, N. Y., ladies, $4; Uniontown, Md., Miss S. D. Ferguson and sister, $2; Washington, Pa., A., Miss'y India, $7 60; Interest on Lapsley Legacy, $50; Sale of Historical Sketches, $189 30; Sale of leaflets, etc., $14 92, $540 12

Total for January, 1882,	$10,258 27
Previously acknowledged,	26,690 23
Total since May 1, 1881,	$42,566 53

The Miriam Bd. and Willing Workers, 1st Ch., Germantown, Pa., sent a box to Mrs. Ballagh, Tokio, valued at $85.

Mrs. Julia M. Fishburn, *Treasurer*,
February 1, 1882. 1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

W. P. B. M. of the Northwest.

PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE

TO BE READ AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS IN MARCH.

Deut. x. 12–14; xi. 18–21; xxvi. 16–19. *Golden Text for the Month*—Matthew viii. 12.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING,

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

The days are growing longer now; and not many moons shall wax and wane before we may take up the refrain, "The winter is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, and the time of the singing of birds is come." We shall welcome most joyously the fresh waking up of nature, and the putting on of her beautiful garments once more.

But more welcome than the sweet spring sunshine or the flowers will be the consecrated sisterhood whom we hope to take to our hearts and homes here, in Minneapolis, next April; for we believe that they will bring with them a precious freight of love, and zeal, and Christian sympathy, to gladden our hearts and inspire us to put our best energies into the blessed work of sending the glorious gospel of our Lord all over the world. Not many of us have been permitted to attend the annual meetings of our Board elsewhere; many can never leave home to go very far away, and this will be, to such, not only the first but perhaps the only time they can hope to be present at the feast. Now that it is coming to us, their hearts

are full of joyful anticipations and gratitude to God for the great treat which awaits them; and we are praying daily that all our hearts may be fully prepared for it, and that God may pour us out a blessing so full and free that the whole Northwest shall feel a thrill of joy, and that every woman shall receive a fresh anointing of love and consecration

We hope to have with us at that time a number of Indian women, as delegates, who have learned to know and love the Saviour, and who are working and giving for the spread of the gospel with a zeal and self-abnegation which puts us to shame. They will tell, in their own strange language, of the Lord's dealings with them, and of what they have tried to do for Him; and some of the devoted missionaries who have led them into the green pastures of God's love will be present to interpret for them. This will form a most interesting feature of our meeting—an object-lesson, showing the blessed results of missions—living witnesses to the transforming power of God's grace! Once seen, it will never be forgotten.

To them the great meeting will be something wonderful and glorious beyond anything they had hoped to see this side of heaven.

We trust dear old Miss Williamson, sister of Dr. Williamson, of blessed memory—"Aunt Jane," as she is fondly called—will be so far restored to health and strength that she can be with us, if it be only to be tenderly carried into our midst—like John the aged used to say to us, "Love one another, and all for whom Christ died, wherever they may be." She longs for the privilege, and if permitted to come, will feel like Simeon of old—"mine eyes have seen thy salvation." Let us all pray that God will grant this boon to His faithful servant, and give her strength to tell us of the great Pentecostal season in which she bore a part, not long after the dreadful Sioux massacre of 1862, when the Spirit of God came down with power, and, driving out the demons of hatred and cruelty, brought the wild savage to the feet of Jesus, meek and truly penitent, clothed and in his right mind.

We expect, also, the loved and venerated Dr. Riggs, and some of his numerous family of sons and daughters who are engaged in the great work of missions, and many others whose names are precious to us all, who have been honored instruments in bringing about these wonderful changes in the wild children of the forest. One dear old saint, just on the verge of fourscore, has, with her husband, labored all her life among the Chippewa Indians; her husband went to his reward years ago, and she was left to work while strength lasted for the people she loved so well. In a letter to me two years ago, when she was very feeble, she thus writes: "If my work on earth is done, all right; if not, *all right.* I do not wish to choose for myself. I had expected to gather up

the 'odds and ends,' but they kept me teaching too long. The past has been a precious winter to me; when not able to read much, or even to *think* much, I quietly received lessons such as I could never learn of man. Now I am without anxiety at all as to the present or the future; I have long known that I might cast *all* my care on our almighty Father, but I now see that I was inclined to keep hold of at least a thread of the great machinery myself." She has laid down even this thread now, and sits with folded hands patiently waiting, and growing ripe for her transition from grace to glory. If she can come to us, her sweet face, so beautifully reflecting her Saviour's image, will be to us a benediction

> "E'en down to old age still my people shall prove
> My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
> And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
> Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Besides the various missionaries from different parts of the world, whom we hope to see in April, we have among us, as residents, several missionary families, or members of such families, whose hearts are in the work, and who will doubtless aid us.

And now, dear sisters, will you pray earnestly that we may have a full gathering; that hearts already warm may be made warmer; that the uninterested may be waked up and stimulated to take hold in earnest; that workers from the various mission fields may be encouraged and strengthened; and that we may all so honor and glorify our Master that the careless and indifferent, who are living only for this world and its fleeting pleasures, may be led to see that, to a soul that is to live forever, there is something higher and more satisfying, and that a great awakening may be one of the blessed results of the meeting of the Board of the Northwest, to convene in Minneapolis next spring, making it, in the highest, holiest, grandest meaning of that word, a glorious success.

C. O. Van Cleve.

OUR TREASURY.

In this last month of our fiscal year we, at Room 48, are watching and praying, and anxiously waiting with hopes and fears, while our auxiliaries gather in the last fruits. Will the results give us an overflowing treasury, or shall we find a deficiency? God in His bounty has given our land great prosperity. Everything is looking hopeful for the future. We catch the spirit, and expect great things; and yet we know there is much to be done. Extra effort must be made everywhere or we shall meet with disappointment.

Many who enjoyed the praise meetings last season have deter-

mined to hold them this year in thanksgiving for continued mercies. One dear Christian, who was converted in 1857, remembers that this is the twenty-fifth anniversary—the silver wedding—and she wishes to commemorate it by bringing a gift to the Lord. In many a heart this will touch a responsive chord.

We read of Indian women in missionary societies in Dakota who, just before the annual meeting, always made an extra effort to increase their funds. God bless the busy fingers that are stitching and quilting, and answer their many prayers for the conversion of their people! In one Presbytery the officers are gathering subscriptions from women in churches where there are no societies, so that they may be represented in giving. This will no doubt lead to organization.

Last year you gave a special offering, and it cost you very little sacrifice. Have you thought to add that amount to your regular subscription this year? Let us all, with one accord, set to work to see what we can do to make this year, financially, a great success; and then, with earnest prayers and our consecrated gifts, we will go up to the Annual Meeting in April rejoicing with the treasury full.

H. H. F.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Cobden, Ill.
Connersville, Ind.
Lowville, Wis.
Springfield, Ill., 1st and 2d Port. chs., Young Ladies' Society.
Traer, Iowa, Tranquility Ch.
Waterman, Ill.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Maggie Andrews,
Edward F. Brownell,
Mrs. M. M. Curtis,
Mrs. Camilla C. Eells,
Master Harry Hough,
Mrs. Catherine Vannuys Ritchey,
Miss Mary Sisson,
Miss Ella M. Stilson,
Miss Mary Williams Van Cleve.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. T. B. Blackstone, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Julia S. Blaine, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Mrs. A. D. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Mrs. Willis Lord, Colorado Springs, Col.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions for the Northwest, to January 20, 1882.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ALTON.—Alton, $7; Bethel, sch'p Laos, $12 50; Carlyle, Apple Blossoms, $3; H. M., $3; Jerseyville, B. R. Persia, $17 15; Apple Blossoms, sch'p Laos, $14

25; Plainview, $7; Shipman, $3 90; Sugar Creek, H. M., $5, ... $72 80

Bellefontaine.—Marseilles, Miss Demarest, Mex. Miss., 5 00

Bloomington.—El Paso, sch'p Laos, $12 50; Gibson City, $9 65; Shining Lights, $10; Lexington, S. S., $9 50, . 41 65

Cairo.—Centralia, . . . 12 00

Council Bluffs.—Clarinda, $20; sal. Miss A. Cochrane, $10; Corning, Chefoo, $12 50; Council Bluffs, $8; Emerson, sal. Miss A. Cochrane, $5; Shenandoah, same, $7 25, . . . 62 75

Chicago.—M., $6; Austin, S. S., $5: Chicago 1st, sal. Mrs. Jessup, $47; Beirut sch., $10; 2d, $8 40; Tabriz sch., $88 30; B. R. India, $5; H. M., $1; Persian sch., $7 50; S. S., pupil Chefoo, $40; 3d, sal. Mrs. Kelso and Miss Olmstead, $75; 4th, $41; Mothers' Mite Soc., $8 04; Y. L., $7 75; Pioneers, Laos, $75 60; Howe St. Mission, Bible classes, sch'p Canton, $15; 41st St. Ch., sch'p Rio Claro, $60; Reunion Ch., $4; Englewood, $46 32; Evanston, sal. Miss Bacon, $64 27; S. S., sch. Syria, $80: Joliet, Central Ch., $17 75; Lake Forest, $6 25; Hospital, Oroomiah, $6 50; "A nail in the Persian hospital," $4; Ferry Hall S., sch'p Laos, $25; Peotone, $11 45; S. S. B., $8 55, . . . 774 68

Dayton.—Western Fem. Sem. 36 18

Denver.—Colorado Springs, $200; Denver, Central Ch., $23; 17th St. Ch., $44; for sch. Petchaburi, *special*, Mrs. S. Cort, thank-off. for her daughter's preservation from cholera, $25, . . 292 00

Des Moines.—Chariton, sal. Miss M. Cochrane, $4 50; East Des Moines, same, $7 90; Lineville, same, $7 50; South Des Moines, $6 35; Mrs. Alex. Scott, Christmas off., $5; Miss A. A. Scott, same, $1, . . 32 25

Detroit.—Detroit, Fort St. Ch., Y. L., sal. Miss Bassett, $350, *special*, $80, . $430 00

Emporia.—Belle Plaine, $3 02; H. M., $3 03; Newton, $7 50; H. M., $7 50; "From a friend," $5; Peabody, $11 85; Winfield, $9 55; H. M., $22; S. S., $13 66, . 83 11

Fort Dodge.—Cherokee, Willing Workers, Laos, $18 75; Jefferson, Mrs. Eells, $25, . 43 75

Fort Wayne.—Elkhart, S. S., $11; Fort Wayne 1st, sal. Mrs. Farnham, $200; 2nd, $25 50; Pearl Gatherers, sch'p Laos, $12 50; Goshen, Persian school, $3; sch'p Shanghai, $10; Laos sch., $12: H. L. Vannuys, $25; Kendallville, S. S., $32 39; La Grange, $22, . . 353 39

Huron.—Fostoria, sal. Mrs. Robertson, $15; Doolittle Bd., Laos sch'p, $25; Fremont, sal. Mrs. Robertson, $33 64; Norwalk, for same, $9 20, ... 82 84

Indianapolis.—Franklin, $50; Do what you can Bd., Tabriz sch., $50; Greencastle, Mrs. J. P. Coates, $5, for Nez Perces; Hopewell Ch., $12 27; Band of Little Workers, $7 16; Indianapolis 2d, for sal. Miss Clark, $125, . . . 249 43

Iowa.—Keokuk, Miss. sch., Persian sch., $12 50; Mt. Pleasant, $15; Highland Branch, sal. Miss A. Cochrane, $25, ... 52 50

Iowa City.—Davenport 1st, mem. sch'p, Gaboon, $12 50; Hermon Ch., Mrs. Haskell, $2; Muscatine, sch'p Dehra, $60; Sigourney, H. M., $10; Summit Ch., H. M., $1 25, ... 85 75

Kearney.—Edgar, $3 65; N. Platte, $5; Miss Houn, $5, 13 65

Lansing.—Albion, $5; Eckford, Mrs. Martha Landon, $1; Mason, H. M., $22; Tekonsha, $8, . . . 36 00

Logansport.—Hebron, $2 50; H. M., $10; Laporte, sal. Mrs. Warren, $11 03; M. C., same, $12 16; H. M.,

$25 69; Logansport, Broadway Ch., sch'p Canton, $3 82; Lowell, $5 20; Michigan City, $12 78; Mishawaka, Persian sch., $10; S. S., Laos, $5 19; Monticello, $15 50; H. H., $15 50; Plymouth, $8 10; Mamie Little, $1 20; Valparaiso, sal. Mrs. Warren, $50; B. R. India, $15; H. M., $27 90; Walton, $10 10, . . $241 67

MANKATO.—Lake Crystal, $1; S. S., $5; Band of Hope, $8; Madelia, Miss E. F. H. and friends, Gwalior, $8 22; S. S., Syria, $1; St. Peter, S. S. M. S., $8, . . . 31 22

MAUMEE. — Bowling Green, $10; Defiance, sal. Miss Fetter, $12 64; Willing Hearts, Christmas gift, Mexico City sch. bld'g, $40; Eagle Creek, $6 35; Farmer, $10; sal. Miss Fetter, $15; Madison, Laos, $10; Mt. Salem, $10 30; Oak Grove, S. S., sal. Miss Fetter, $2 25; Pleasant Ridge, for same, $1 25; Toledo, Westminster Ch., Busy Bees, Ningpo sch'p, $40; Tontogany, $20; Weston, sal. Miss Fetter, $20; West Unity, sch'p, Tokio, $19 65; Little Workers, same, $5 35, . . 222 79

MILWAUKEE. — Milwaukee, Immanuel Ch., Y. L., sal. Miss Cundall, $12 50; Ottawa, $3 55; Waukesha, work in China, $23 10; less Pres. Ex., 15 cts., . . 39 00

NEBRASKA CITY.—Brownville, 40 00

NEW ALBANY.—Jeffersonville 1st, Laos, $10; Lexington, same, $8; New Albany, sal. Mrs. Morrison, $235 35; Owen Creek, Laos, $8; Salem, same, $10 40; Vernon, same, $24 60, . . . 296 35

OTTAWA.—Aurora, $10; S. S. Amy, Mynpurie, $6 25; Mendota, Dehra sch'p, $30; Sandwich, $16 24; Streator, H. M., $20, . . . 82 49

PEORIA.—Astoria, $3; Canton, $33; Dunlap, $47; sal. Mrs. Winn, $3; Galesburg, $25; Pearl Seekers, Laos bld'g, $33 10; Green Valley, $12 50; Rural Gleaners, Laos sch'p, $4; Lewistown, sch. Ambala, $37 70; M. B. & Y. L. C., Laos bld'g, $12 83; Peoria 1st, sch'p Teheran, $33 55; E. R. Edwards Band, sch'ps Africa, $30 60; Little Lights, $2 30; Peoria 2d, $24 75; Grace Ch., $20; Calvary, $6 25; Salem Ch., $10 50, . $339 08

RED RIVER.—Moorhead, . 18 80

ROCK RIVER.—Morrison, $15; Norwood, $7 83, . . 22 83

SAGINAW.—Bay City, Oroomiah sch., $15; Flint, $75; Ain Zehalta bld'g, $16; Mrs. Christy, thank-off, same, $25; S. S., same, $16 59; Y. L. B., $15; Lapier, $18; Maurice, $25; Saginaw, $40, . . . 245 59

SPRINGFIELD. — Chatham, $5 50; Jacksonville 1st, sal. Mrs. Warren, $50; S. S., sch'p Rio Claro, $30; Westminster Ch., Rio Claro, $45; Central Ch., nat. tea. Syria, $39 10; H. M., $3 10; Lincoln, sal. Mrs. Corbett, $10 10; Y. L., $5 25; Band, sch'p Africa, $36 11; Mason City, $13 75; Band, $6 30; N. Sangamon, sal. Mrs. Corbett, $32 15; Onarga, $26; Petersburg, $8 50; Pisgah Ch., Laos sch., $10; Springfield 1st, sal. Mrs. Corbett, $63 75; Y. L., Laos girls' sch., $25 25; schs. in Persia, $20; S. S., $50 21; 2d, Rays of Light, sch'p Laos, $25; sch'p Dehra, $15; 3d, Children of the King, sch. bld'g, $88 26; Unity Ch., $6; Tolone, $8, 622 33

ST. PAUL. — E. Minneapolis, Andrew Ch., Col. Van Cleve, $25; sch'p Cal., $12, . . 37 00

WATERLOO.—Marshalltown, . 40 00

WHITEWATER. — Brookville, sal. Miss Tiffany, $10; Cambridge City, $5; College Corner, $12; Ebenezer, $10; Greensburg, sal. Miss T., $50; Kingston, $8 70; sal. Miss T., $17 25; Knightstown, $3 75; Richmond,

Besheymoon sch., $31 40; Mrs. Hudelson, sch'p Laos, $25; S. S., $25; Rushville, sal. Miss T., $15; S. S., same, $2; Shelbyville, same, $12 50, ... $227 60

WINNEBAGO. — Neenah, Persian pastor's wife, . . 45 00

WISCONSIN RIVER.—Madison 1st, ... 17 00

MEMORIAL FUND.—W. F. Seminary, Oxford, O., $75; Colorado Springs, Colo., $2 25; Longmont, Colo., 25 cents; Colebrook, Conn., 50 cts.; Central City, Dak., Kingston, E. Tenn., Alton, Ill., Appanoose, Ill., each 25 cts.; Argyle, Ill., $3 25; Aurora, Ill., Chenoa, Ill., each 25 cts.; Chicago, Ill., 1st, $1 50; 4th, $15 50; 5th, $2 50; 8th, $17 50: Du Page, Ill., $1; Elwood, Ill., 25 cts.; Evanston, Ill., $12; Freeport, Ill., Fulton, Ill., each 25 cts.; Galesburg, Ill., $1; Jacksonville, Ill., Kewanee, Ill., each 50 cts.; Kingsbury, Ill., 25 cts.; Lewiston, Ill., 50 cts.; Lexington, Ill., Morris, Ill., Onarga, Ill., each 25 cts.; Peotone, Ill., $2 50; Piper City, Ill., 25 cts.; Rockford, Ill., 50 cts.; Trenton, Ill., 25 cts.; Waukegan, Ill., $1; Aurora, Ind., Frankfort, Ind., Indianapolis, Ind., each 25 cts.; La Fayette, Ind., 1st, $3; Sullivan, Ind., 25 cts.; Richmond, Ind., $1; Rossville, Ind., Tassinong, Ind., each 25 cents; Valparaiso, Ind., $8 25; Seminole Mission, Ind. T., Anamosa, Ia., each 50 cts.; Corning, Ia., 25 cts.; Fairfield, Ia., $1 75; Ft. Dodge, Ia., 50 cts.; Independence, Ia., 25 cts.; Iowa City, Ia., Keokuk, Ia., each 50 cts.; Le Roy, Ia., Malvern, Ia., Northboro', Ia., W. Liberty, Ia., Winterset, Ia., Burrton, Kan., Haittville, Kan., Leavenworth, Kan., Peotone, Kan., Battle Creek, Mich., Cass City, Mich., Grand Rapids, Mich., Howell, Mich., each 25 cts.; Ypsilanti, Mich., 75 cts.; Ellicta, Minn., $1; Hastings, Minn., Mankato, Minn., each 25 cts.; Minncapolis, Minn., $9 25; St. Paul, Minn., $1; Winnebago, Minn., Appleton City, Mo., each 25 cts.; Kansas City, Mo., $1; Palmyra, Mo., 25 cts.; Parkville, Mo., $1; Springfield, Mo., St. Louis, Mo., Belvidere, N. J., each 25 cts.; Orange, N. J., $3; Plainfield, N. J., $1 75; S. Orange, N. J., $1; Geneva, N. Y., Stillwater, N. Y., each 25 cts.; Waterford, N. Y., $6; Mebanesville, N. C., $1 75; Cincinnati, O., Dayton, O., Fredericksburg, O., Marseilles, O., each 25 cents; Northfield, O., 50 cts.; Toledo, O., $3 50; U. Sandusky, O., $2; W. Unity, O., 50 cts.; Germantown, Pa., $1; Leatherwood, Pa., 25 cts.; McKeesport, Pa., $2; Monongahela, Pa., New Alexandria, Pa., each 25 cts.; Pittsburg, Pa., $1; Uniontown, Pa., W. Alexander, Pa., Woodstock, Va., each 50 cents; Madison, Wis., $2; Marengo, Wis., 25 cts.; Milwaukee, Wis., Immanuel Ch., $1; Miscellaneous, $15 50, all from sale of "A Brief Record," for memorial sch. buildings Laos, ... $225 75

MISCELLANEOUS.—Societies — Winfield, Kan., 45 cts.; Chicago, Ill., 4th, $2; Knoxville, Ill., $1; Springfield, Ill., 2d, $1; Mishawaka, Ind., $1; Kilbourn City, Wis., $1; Waukesha, Wis., $1, ... 7 45

Total for month, . . $5,561 68
Previously acknowledged, 15,264 89

From April to Jan. 20, . $20,826 57

MRS. JESSE WHITEHEAD, *Treasurer*,
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